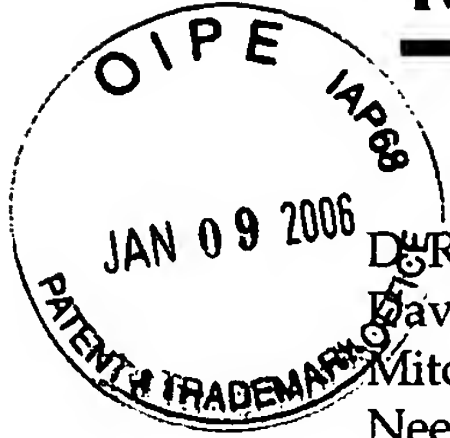


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Dear Abdi:

We have proofread the above-referenced patent and noted defects in the patent as issued. Attached please find a request for Certificate of Correction as filed on January 4, 2006 with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to correct these defects.

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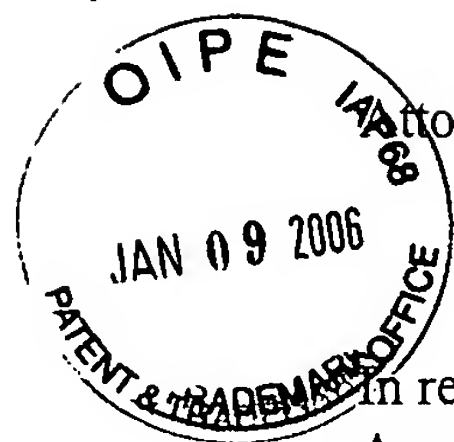
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The mistakes appearing in the patent are set forth with corrections on the Certificate of Correction enclosed herewith, with an additional copy thereof and a return post card.

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Section 54, Line 1 should read -- **SYSTEMS, METHODS AND COMPUTER** --

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Line 1 should read -- **SYSTEMS, METHODS AND COMPUTER** --

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